REPORT OF 2nd MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF KERELA STATE DRUGS CONTROL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 28th AUGUST 2019 AT ERNAKULAM

The following members were attended the meeting.

1. Sri. Shaji M Varghese (President)

2. Sri.Nishith M.C (General Secretary)

3. Sri.Jayan Philip (Vice-President)

4. Sri.Shaji P.H (Treasurer)

5. Praveen M (Joint Secretary)

6. Saju R (Executive member)

7. Faizal P (Executive member)

8. Gladis P Kachappilly (Executive member)

The meeting started at 10.30am with silent prayer for the victims of monsoon flood in Kerala and in remembrance of the departed soul Sri.C.G.Sukumaran Nair, the former Drugs Controller. President, KSDCEOA Sri.Shaji M Varghese welcomed and greeted the participants. He informed the members about various initiatives taken by the Association during the last few months. He also added the importance and agenda of the present executive meeting and future plans to be adopted for the welfare of our department. He invited General Secretary to detail the past activities done by KSDCEOA and the agenda to be taken for discussion by the committee.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

1. Submission of memorandum for amendment in Kerala Drugs Control Services Rules 2007.

2. Pharmacy week celebrations, 2019.

3. Drugs Safety day Celebrations, 2019

4. Recent issue of entrusting DIs for procurement of reference standards and methods of analysis for the purpose of Government Analysts.

5. Planning of Second stage of Flood relief activities.

6. Topics for discussion suggested by our members Sri.Vinayan M.P and Sri.Praveen M

DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Submission of memorandum for amendment in Kerala Drugs Control Services Rules 2007.

A memorandum has been drafted by KSDCEOA for submitting before the Government through proper channel with a prayer to amend Para 3(1) of the Kerala Drugs Control Services Rules 2007. It is concluded that necessary amendment may be done in the specified Para to include the senior most Assistant Drugs Controller in the select list in the absence of qualified Deputy Drugs Controllers for selection to the post of Drugs Controller in the Department. It is also requested in the memorandum that the file pending before the Government for creating additional post of Deputy Drugs Controller and departmental expansion may be considered urgently for getting it sanctioned as an interim measure. KSDCEOA planned to submit the memorandum before the Government at the earliest after getting it signed from our member officers.

2. Pharmacy Week Celebrations, 2019

KSDCEOA decided to celebrate Pharmacy week this year in collaboration with Kerala State Pharmacy Graduates Association (KPGA) at Trivandrum, Ernakulam and Kozhikkode Districts. It will be celebrated in the third week of November 2019.

3. Drugs Safety day Celebration, 2019

It is decided to conduct "Drug Safety Day" on 12th October 2019 with the key note address as "Neha Shoree Commemorative Lecture" in memory of Late.Neha Shoree, Drugs Control Officer, Punjab. Speakers from other state Regulatory Department will be invited for the function. It is also planned to invite officers from Punjab Drugs Control Department as special invitees to attend the programme.

4. *Recent issue of requiring reference standard and method of analysis by Analysts.*

We have seen that the Circular No.S-5380/2019/DC dated 10/05/2019 of Drugs Controller has been misinterpreted by many of the Analysts who required the Drugs Inspectors to arrange reference standards and methods of analysis of pharmacopeia preparations. Since the above circular does not sound the demand as required by the Analysts, KSDCEOA felt that it cannot be entertained as this may increase the workload of our officers many folds. Hence we decided to submit a request before the Drugs Controller to give proper direction to the analysts working in the Drugs Testing Laboratory to stop sending such letters to Drugs Inspectors.

5. Planning of Second stage of Flood relief activities.

KSDCEOA has done a wonderful job during recent flood time in Kerala in collaboration with KPGA. Most of our officers contributed amounts for our relief works. We handed over Kits to Tahasildar, Mananthawady containing provisional items and dress materials for 100 families.

As a second line of flood relief activity, we located a flood affected camp in a tribal area of Wayanad District where some sickle cell anemia patients are sheltered. The lives of these patients are in a trouble situation when winter season comes as their body is incapable to adjust with extreme cold. Hence the remaining amount received from our officers as flood relief donation will be utilized for purchasing and distributing of woolen cloths and winter dress materials to these sickle cell anemia patients. Also, we have to find new sources for additional income to meet the expense for this purpose and decided to continue accepting the contributions from our members.

6. Topics for discussion suggested by our members Sri.Vinayan M.P and Sri.Praveen M

Sri.Vinayan M.P, member of our association wrote to us that certain software is available to access judgments with specific search facilities for every act and sections. He has given the idea to make access of such software to our officers also through proper representation. KSDCEOA considered the matter with utmost importance and appreciated his suggestion. KSDCEOA entrusted Sri.Vinayan M.P. to collect the names and details of such software providers and also, to find out its cost so that we can submit a proposal before the Drugs Controller to purchase such software for our Department.

Sri. Praveen M reported that there is no uniform format for Thondi register which is to be maintained in each office. KSDCEOA entrusted Sri.Praveen M to design a Standard Thondi Register by referring the formats maintained in Courts which will be printed and distributed by our association to each offices with prior permission and approval of Drugs Controller.

Our President Sri.Shaji M Varghsese also proposed a suggestion that pre-licensing conditions and conditions of Licenses may be described in a booklet printed in Malayalam to create awareness among the stakeholders about the rules related with allopathic trade business. A nominal amount may also be fixed for these booklets and the amount so collected will be contributed to Chief Ministers Distress Relief Fund. KSDCEOA planned to release the booklet on 1st November 2019, on the day of Keralappiravi with the concurrence of Drugs Controller.

Executive committee meeting ended at 1.30pm and dispersed after lunch.

Yours faithfully

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SHAJI M VARGHESE NISHITH M.C

President General Secretary